





RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2838

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-27 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness (US 6,316,914) in view of Applicant's own admitted prior art.

The Federal Circuit has held that rejecting patents solely by finding prior art corollaries for the claimed elements would permit an Examiner to use a claimed invention itself as a blueprint for piecing together elements in the prior art to defeat the patentability of the claimed invention, which would be "an illogical and inappropriate process by which to determine patentability." In re Rouffet, 149 F.3d 1350, 1357 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (citing Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerosonic Corp., 81 F.3d 1566,